

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A magnetic tape comprising:

a pair of flexible strips being connected in a face to face relationship with one another at a plurality of spaced-apart connection areas, the flexible strips defining a pocket positioned between each one of the connection areas and intermediate said connections defining a plurality of pockets; and

a plurality of magnets being housed within ~~respective of the~~ a plurality of the pockets, to permit movement of the magnets being movable within the pockets and spaced longitudinally along the flexible strips in one or more rows, each of the magnets having a first side associated with a first polarity and a second side associated with a second polarity, the magnets being oriented such that the first sides of the magnets are adjacent to one of the flexible strips and the second sides of the magnets are adjacent to the other flexible strip, the magnets being operable to provide the flexible strips with a plurality of detachable connection regions enabling a detachable connection between:

\_\_\_\_\_ (a) at least one of the detachable connection regions of one of the flexible strips; and

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) at least one of the detachable connection regions of the other flexible strip so as to form a closed loop.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The magnetic tape of claim 1, wherein the pair of flexible strips are directly bonded to one another.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The magnetic tape of claim 2, wherein the pair of flexible strips are welded to one another.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The magnetic tape of claim 1, wherein the flexible strips are constructed of a polymeric and substantially impervious material.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The magnetic tape of claim 1, wherein the magnets are each disc-shaped.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The magnetic tape of claim 1, wherein the magnets are rare earth magnets.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The magnetic tape of claim 1, wherein the connection areas have a flexible characteristic enabling formation of the closed loop. ~~magnets are spaced longitudinally along the strips in one or more rows.~~

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (previously presented): The magnet tape of Claim 1, comprising at least one means for carrying an article.

Claim 10-18 (canceled).

Claim 19 (new): A flexible securing device comprising:

a plurality of sides;

a plurality of connectors connecting the sides together at a plurality of flexible connection regions, the connection of the sides to one another forming a plurality of pockets, each one of the pockets being positioned between a plurality of the flexible connection regions, the flexible securing device being flexible between:

(a) a first position in which the flexible securing device has a non-loop configuration; and

(b) a second position in which the flexible securing device has a loop configuration; and

a plurality of magnetic members, each one of the magnetic members having a positive polarity side and a negative polarity side, the magnetic members being positioned within the pockets so that:

(a) the positive polarity sides are adjacent to one of the sides of the flexible securing device; and

(b) the negative polarity sides are adjacent to another one of the sides of the flexible securing device.

Claim 20 (new): The flexible securing device of claim 19, wherein the magnetic members are uniformly positioned between the plurality of flexible connection regions.

Claim 21 (new): The flexible securing device of claim 19, wherein the plurality of sides are portions of a continuous strip.

Claim 22 (new): The flexible securing device of claim 19, wherein the plurality of sides are constructed of a polymeric and substantially impervious material.

Claim 23 (new): The flexible securing device of claim 19, including means for carrying an article.

Claim 24 (new): A flexible device comprising:  
a first side having an interior surface and an exterior surface;  
a second side having an interior surface and an exterior surface;  
a plurality of connectors connecting the interior surfaces of the first side and the second side to one another at a plurality of spaced-apart connection regions, the flexible securing device being flexible into a closed loop shape in which the exterior surfaces of the first side and the second side are connected to one another, the first side and the second side defining a plurality of spaces, each one of the spaces being positioned between a plurality of the connection regions;  
and  
a plurality of magnetic members, each one of the magnetic members being positioned within one of the spaces.

Claim 25 (new): The flexible securing device of claim 24, wherein the magnetic members are uniformly positioned between the plurality of flexible connection regions.

Claim 26 (new): The flexible securing device of claim 24, wherein the plurality of sides are portions of a continuous strip.

Claim 27 (new): The flexible securing device of claim 24, including means for carrying an article.

Claim 28 (new): The flexible securing device of claim 24, including a rust reduction substance operable to reduce rusting of the magnets.